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SUBJECT:FOLLOW-UP ON STRAUSS-USHIBA JOINT COMMUNIQUE

NEW DELHI FOR LANDE

CANBERRA FOR WOLFF

REFS: (A) TOKYO 1551; (B) STATE 22469

1. THE DEPUTIES GROUP UNDER JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HEGINBOTHAM AND STR
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GENERAL COUNSEL RICHARD RIVERS HAS NOW BEEN DESIGNATED
TO COORDINATE FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS REQUIRED BY THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE. ACCORDINGLY THIS GRO'P WILL BE MEETING
REGULARLY TO REVIEW PROGRESS.

2. ON SPECIFIC GROUPS NOW BEING FORMED WE CAN PROVIDE

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) FOREST PRODUCTS GROUP - TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PREPARATIONS THE VISIT OF THIS GROUP HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3 AND 4. THE GROUP WILL BE LED BY ASSISTANT STR LANDE AND INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS FROM COMMERCE, USDA, LABOR, IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDUSTRY AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) BEEF GROUP - DESPITE CONCERNS AS TO TIMING EXPRESSED BY MAF (REF A.), WE BELIEVE PLANS TO SCHEDULE TRIP WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED. INTEREST OF INDUSTRY AND CONGRESS IN WORK OF THIS AND CITRUS GROUP IS KEEN. TO POSTPONE TRIP AS A RESULT OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL COULD BE CONSIDERED AS FOOT-DRAGGING ON THE PART OF THE GOJ. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE BE MAINTAINED. THE MAF OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN DIET BUDGET HEARINGS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THOSE WITH WHOM THE GROUP SHOULD MEET.

(C) CITRUS GROUP - WE STILL BELIEVE VISIT OF THIS GROUP SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH.

(D) ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY PURCHASING GROUP - WE SUGGEST THAT THIS GROUP, WHICH WILL BE ONE PART OF THE LARGE BUYING MISSION, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MITI, UTILITY COMPANIES, POWER EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING FIRMS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BANKING OR IMPORT FINANCING FIRMS. JAPANESE MISSION SHOULD PLAN TO VISIT HEADQUARTERS OF BABCOCK AND WILCOX AT LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA; COMBUSTION ENGINEERING AT WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT; GENERAL ELECTRIC AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA; AND WESTINGHOUSE AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. THESE FIRMS SUPPLY BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT. WE MAY SUGGEST ADDITIONAL FIRMS AND LOCATIONS UPON RECEIVING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC JAPANESE INTERESTS AS REQUESTED IN PARA. 5 OF REF B. U.S. SUPPLIERS DESIRE TO KNOW WHETHER JAPANESE MISSION IS INTERESTED IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY POWER EQUIPMENT OR CONVENTIONAL EQUIPMENT. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT IS DEFINED AS EQUIPMENT OF A RATING FOR DESIGN NOT YET MANUFACTURED OR LICENSED IN JAPAN.

3. DURING VISIT OF FOREST PRODUCTS GROUP ASSISTANT STR LANDE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MOFA OFFICIALS (IKEDA) TO DISCUSS MTN CONCERNS OF LDCS. VANCE

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